

On September 11, 2017 a Residential Lighting Bylaw was passed at Town Meeting. This bylaw applies to all buildings containing a residential use.

New luminaires and replacement luminaires must be of full-cutoff design and their light sources shall not exceed 2,750 K color temperature.

Residential dwelling: A structure or part of a structure that is used as a home or residence by one or more persons who maintain a household, whether single family, multifamily, or mixed use.

Full-cutoff (fully shielded): A luminaire that is constructed, and installed so that no light is emitted at any angle above a horizontal plane passing through the lowest light emitting part (including refractors, reflectors or other devices) of said luminaire to a point five (5) feet above grade at the property line as might be viewed at that height by an observer standing at that place.

Color temperature (of a light source): The temperature at which an opaque and non-reflective object will radiate light of a color comparable to that of the light source. Color temperature is expressed in degrees Kelvin (°K). Light sources with higher color temperatures contain more blue light than light sources with lower color temperatures, and appear brighter to the human eye, all other conditions being equal.

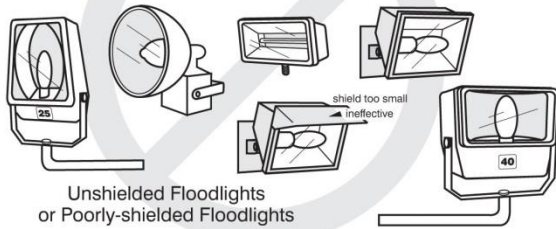
The full text of the bylaw (Chapter 14 Section 6 of the Rockport Code of Bylaw) can be viewed on the Town Website at rockportma.gov

See reverse side are examples of acceptable and non-acceptable light fixtures.

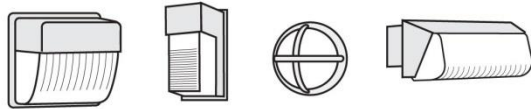
Examples of Acceptable / Unacceptable Lighting Fixtures

Unacceptable / Discouraged

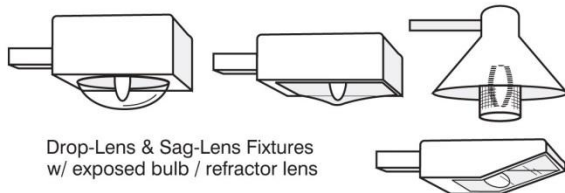
Fixtures that produce glare and light trespass



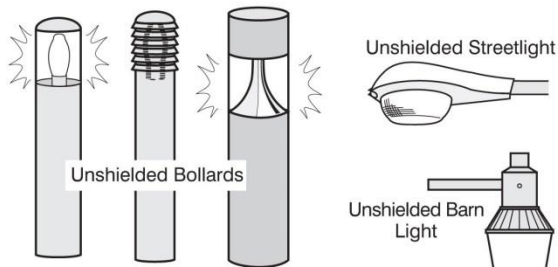
Unshielded Floodlights
or Poorly-shielded Floodlights



Unshielded Wallpacks
& Unshielded or
Poorly-shielded Wall
Mount Fixtures



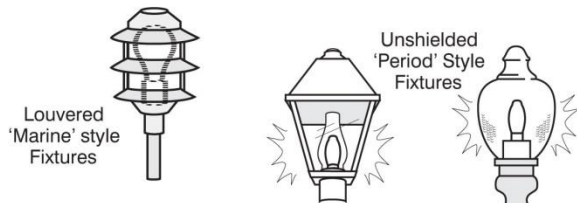
Drop-Lens & Sag-Lens Fixtures
w/ exposed bulb / refractor lens



Unshielded Bollards

Unshielded Streetlight

Unshielded Barn
Light

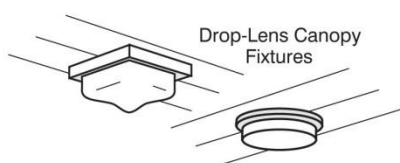


Louvered
'Marine' style
Fixtures

Unshielded
'Period' Style
Fixtures



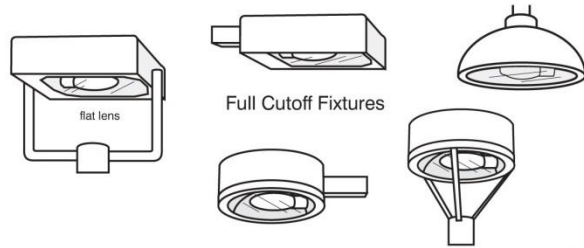
Unshielded PAR
Floodlights



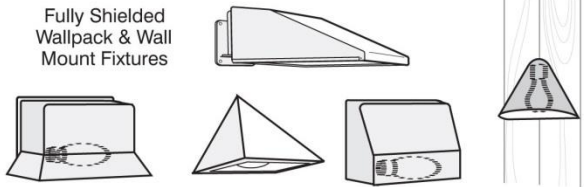
Drop-Lens Canopy
Fixtures

Acceptable

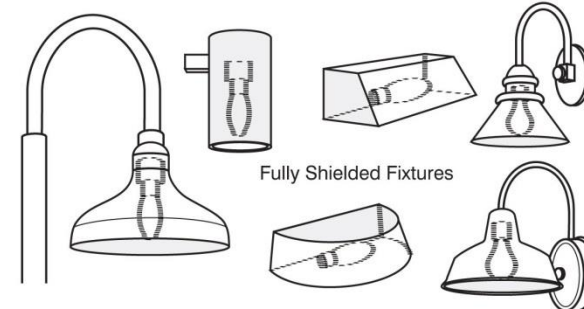
Fixtures that shield the light source to minimize glare and light trespass
and to facilitate better vision at night



Full Cutoff Fixtures



Fully Shielded
Wallpack & Wall
Mount Fixtures



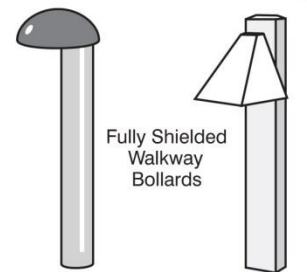
Fully Shielded Fixtures



Full Cutoff Streetlight



Fully Shielded
Barn Light



Fully Shielded
Walkway
Bollards



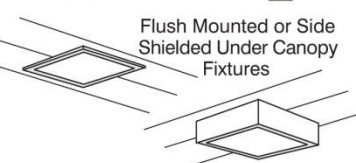
Fully Shielded
Decorative
Fixtures



Fully Shielded
'Period' Style
Fixtures



Shielded / Properly-aimed
PAR Floodlights



Flush Mounted or Side
Shielded Under Canopy
Fixtures